THE MIDDLE EAST

RELIGION

CULTURE

CUSTOMS

KUWAIT OVERVIEW

- Location
- Climate
- Terrain
- Natural resources
- Environment
- Religion
- Defense

MIDDLE EAST CUSTOMS & GESTURES

Overall attitudes

- Recognize long-standing traditions
- Practice civility and respect
- Show kindness
- Practice humility
- Seek moderation
- Sincerity
- Remember honor and status

GREETINGS

- Shaking hands
- Small talk
- Ritual greetings
- Hospitality
- Touching
- Eye contact

GESTURES

- Hand gestures
- Fingers
- Noses
- Kissing
- Clicking of tongue
- Body language

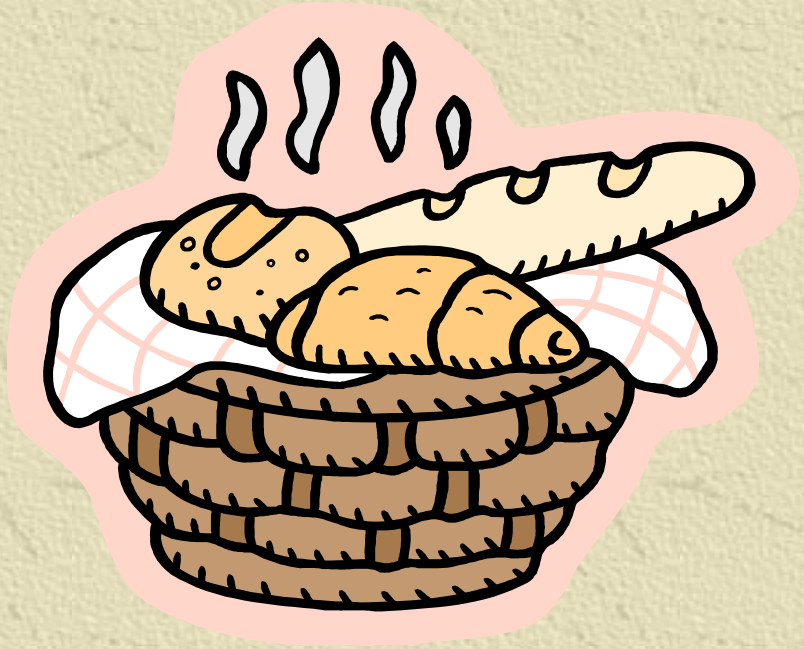
GESTURES TO AVOID

- Do not appear to be in a hurry
- Avoid looking at your watch
- Pointing your finger or pencil
- Beckoning with your finger
- Avoid “thumbs up” or “ok” signs

BODY LANGUAGE

- Right hand leads
- Sitting
- Posture
- Outward displays of affection
- No
- Pets
- Beads

EATING PRACTICES



TOUCH AND PASS FOOD WITH RIGHT HAND ONLY

GENERAL CAUTIONS

- Competition
- Dietary restrictions
- Communication
- Photographs
- Planning
- QUR’AN
- Visiting a mosque

QUESTIONS???

THANK YOU!!!!